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Two Lab Schools in Oregon This Summer

By Muriel D. Jordan

Plans were completed for two first-class laboratory training schools to be held in Oregon during the coming summer at the intensive all day meeting of the State Children's Committee on February 14 at the home of Mrs. R. E. Moshier in Eugene, State Children's Superintendent. The schools will be held in Pendleton and Dallas with a competent faculty. Leadership classes for teachers on Kindergarten, Primary, Junior and Intermediate groups will be held, with an advanced class for those who have completed the former courses. A national children's worker will be in attendance at one of the schools. Members of the state committee are: Mrs. R. E. Moshier, Mrs. William Siefke, Miss Oma Lou Myers, Mrs. K. P. Harleman, Mrs. Bea Corum and Mrs. J. W. Jordan. Letters and promotional materials will be sent to the churches of the state soon.

On White Swan Staff

Mr. and Mrs. K. P. Harleman, of Forest Grove, have recently been added to the staff of the Yakima Indian Mission at White Swan, Washington. They plan to assume their duties April 1.

Change of Address

The address for the national headquarters for Church World Services has been changed to 214 E. 21st St., New York 10, N. Y. This is also the warehouse address.

C. M. Yocum to India

Dr. C. M. Yocum, secretary of India and Japan Missions for U. C. M. S. left on January 28 from New York City arriving in Korachi, India Feruary 1, for an official visit. He is spending approximately six weeks in India, and if permission is granted for him to enter, two weeks in Japan. He will attend the annual church and mission conventions in India at Jubbulpore; then will visit a number of mission stations and institutions, meeting with missionaries and national personnel in India and Japan. He expects to return to Indianapolis by April 3.

Miss Genevieve Brown executive secretary of the department of Missionary Education of U. C. M. S., sailed from New Orleans on February 6 for the Philippines. After a month visiting the mission stations in the Philippines Miss Brown will go to China for a several week tour. She hopes to obtain a visa permitting her to observe the mission activities in Japan. She plans to be away for six months, returning to the U. S. in August. Miss Brown has been a member of the national staff for the past 14 years, and supervises the preparation of missionary education materials for use in the churches and their organizations.

Children's Work Conference

The International Council of Religious Education is sponsoring a series of 16 regional conferences for children's work across the U. S. One of these is to be held in Portland on April 7-9 inclusive, with an imposing faculty of outstanding leaders from various denominations. Those who have definite responsibility as children's leaders are eligible to attend.

Miss Frances M. Hill, director of the week-day religious education system in Zanesville, Ohio, will become director of Children's work in the Department of Missionary Education of the U. C. M. S. in early summer. She will succeed Miss Mable Niedermeyer who was married on February 3 to Clayton C. McCaw. Mrs. McCaw will remain with the department and carry administrative responsibilities during the visit of Miss Brown to the Philippines, Japan and China.

Miss Josephine Franklin, former missionary to India died January 11 at the Emily E. Flinn Home in Marion, Indiana. Miss "Jo" went to India in 1893 just in time to help face heavy responsibilities as the result of a severe famine. Her immediate task was to assume charge of a Boys'

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Retiring From Office

Dr. C. F. Swander, who will close his 40th year as secretary of the Oregon Christian Missionary Convention at the coming state meeting, has served notice to the State Board of his intention to retire on October 1 or as soon thereafter as his successor can be ready to take up the duties of the offices.

With deep emotional feeling the members of the Board heard Bro. Swander read this notice which will bring to a conclusion the longest term of state secretaryship in the history of our people. By October "Pop" Swander will have served the churches of Oregon in this capacity for 40 years and 3 months. H. W. Elliott, years ago, served a little less than 40 years in the state of Kentucky.

Dr. Swander has skillfully and wisely guided our ship of state across all these years. Oregon's uniquely inclusive fellowship and state convention are largely the result of his constant and prayerful labors Many are the blessed memories that will traverse the inner sanctums of many readers of this announcement, as they are that of the writer as he pens these lines.

But other occasions of paying honor to "Pop" will present themselves during, and indeed long after, the remaining months of his labor in the state office.

The State Board is prayerfully and carefully surveying the field for Brother Swander's successor with the intention of making a definite recommendation to the state convention which will be held June 28-July 4. —Hubert E. Sias, President Oregon Christian Missionary Convention.

Easter Offering

Have you made plans for the Easter offering? You will be having a great service, with a great audience, and you may make it the occasion for a great offering. Normally this offering is for the various tasks of Home Missions. The psychology of the day for an offering is great. What better lesson in missionary giving than the resurrection of Christ from the grave which brings hope to the whole world. Make this the biggest offering you have ever had. There is still time to get materials to assist you in presenting the claims of Easter Day. Write to Unified Promotion, Missions Building, Indianapolis 7, Indiana.

Northwest Christian College

PRESIDENTS COLUMN

Recently a Vice President of the Crown Zellerbach Corporation, in addressing a Eugene civic club, spoke somewhat as follows:

"A few years ago a forester in our company took me to the crest of a hill in the coastal range where we could see a large area of replanted forest land. The trees were about fifteen years old at that time. I was thrilled as he pointed out the places where our saw mills would be located in 1990 when this new forest crop is to be harvested."

Immediately the question arose in my mind, "Will the church be ready in 1990 to minister to the families of these lumber camps? We can readily find out where they will be. Who can thrill us by pointing out where the church buildings will be located in 1990?

I am forced to confess that when it comes to enlisting and training future church leadership we generally have taken the short view. We are not ready to make the most of opportunities. Even to fill the pulpits of congregations now established we need more trained leaders. What about the churches where our children, grandchildren and great-grand-children shall be or should be worshipping?

Our first answer must be to recruit more of our finest young people for full time Christian leadership. What about the members of this year's Senior class in Oregon High Schools? To which ones have you spoken about being preachers, missionaries, religious education directors?

Row River

A few miles out of Cottage Grove is a community and community hall identified as Row River. On Saturday night the community hall is used for dances which are reported to flavor of the old frontier. On Sunday morning the hall becomes the meeting place for Christians and children of the community. Martin and Leone Torrence are furnishing the leadership each week while continuing their studies at N. C. C. Attendance has grown to between sixty and seventy. This is one of the N. C. C. evangelistic and missionary frontiers. It furnishes a great opportunity for some organization or congregation to give the work an additional boost by sponsoring a building program. Do we think as much of Christ at Row River as the world does of the Saturday night dance?

School Notes

A special course in Evangelism is being conducted under the general leadership of Dean Wm. Siefke. Each Tuesday evening in advance of the Easter season students meet to receive a period of instruction in Personal Evangelism. under Mr. E. M. Eldridge. Following this the students divide up into interest groups with Prof. Ward Rice dealing with the Evangelistic Sermon. Prof. Gilbert Kistler offering instruction in Evangelistic Singing and Prof. Rice assisted by Prof. Thelma Siefke presenting Evangelism through children's Work.

The Washington Club, under the leadership of Kenneth Britt of Spokane (North Hill) recently held an old fashioned Box Supper to raise funds for the McKinley Mission at Toppenish, Wn., where Ray Zack is leading.

After completing his lectures at the Oregon Council of Churches meeting in Salem, Dr. Harry Sloan Coffin came to Eugene to address a special chapel. He emphasized the great importance of a well trained ministry and the desperate need, from a world point of view, for Christians to live up to their profession of faith.

During the current term. several N. C. C. professors are bringing chapel

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Parkrose

A new church was born on Sunday, February 29. Parkrose Church, Portland, Church came into being when 35 people came down the aisle in response to the invitation to indicate their desire to become charter members. The minister, Elery Parrish, was so happy that he clean forgot that he wanted to be a charter member, too. But he will rectify that. It was a great day—59 at Bible School and more than 100 at worship service in the morning. In the afternoon the place was crowded to the limit. Every available seating space, and every available standing space was taken, while a large number were in the basement where they listened via loud speaker. At the call for an offering in the afternoon more than $800 in cash and pledges came in. The building has cost to date $23,367, besides more than $1.200 in donated labor and materials. Next month we plan to give a complete record of outside money donations.

James Albert Paget

Was born on January 16, in Brussells, Belgium, to Mr. and Mrs. Albert Paget, missionaries on their way to Belgian Congo. Brother Paget is a product of Central Church in Portland; Mrs. Paget, of the Medford First Church. Oregon will have a personal interest in James Albert. Congratulations.

District Conventions

We again announce the district conventions for this spring. Some corrections are made in the former listing. Look for the date and place most convenient to you and come.

Wasco,	April 12
Parkrose (Portland)	April 26
McMinnville,	April 27
Grants Pass,	April 30
Ontario,	May 4-5
Roseburg,	May 24
Sisters,	May 30

Check with your pastor concerning beginning and closing hours and transportation. Every church should be represented.

North American Convention

The program for the North American Christian Convention has just come to hand. It is to be held at the Illinois State Armory in Springfield, Illinois, on April 21-25, 1948. The theme is, "Christ Commands—We Must Obey." The program contains addresses on Christian Unity, Evangelism, Fateful issues facing the World, Tests of Fellowship, and various doctrinal matters. The names of speakers were not on the program.

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Notice: Items for the Oregon Christian should reach the editor's desk not later than the 1st day of the month to insure publication.

How Do You Distribute The Oregon Christian

We have had somewhat to say about wasting the Oregon Christians. We have been noticing how the paper is being gotten to its readers.

One church puts them with the church bulletins that are passed out each Sunday. This will result in a number of copies going unnecessarily into some homes.

In another large church the men have one of their members mail out to a selected group, one paper to a family, the entire number sent them. This has the disadvantage of costing 1½¢ each paper. But, on the other hand, there are no duplications. Incidentally it has uncovered some people who do not want it, thus saving paper in that way.

Another church passes them out as they do Sunday School papers. This also results in duplications, but perhaps less than other ways.

We have found many churches that just lay them on a table in the vestibule, and the announcement is made that they are there. Our experience is that very few take them. This usually results in a big loss of paper.

We are interested in finding the best method of distributing. If you will let us know what method you use we will be glad to pass it along. Whatever method you use you should aim at getting one into each family and your bundle should be regulated to that number.

Film Strips

For those who are interested in film strips as visual aids it will be of interest to know that two strips are ready for release. They deal with the history of our brotherhood and are based on Dr. Garrison's recent book, An American Religious Movement. These strips are $2 each, which includes the script.

Also there is ready a set of 29 kodachrome slides based upon the recent book by O. L. Shelton, The Church Functioning Effectively. They are the 2 x 2 size of slide. The set sells for $13.50, or may be rented for $1.50 per day. For either of these write to the Christian Board of Publication, 2700 Pine Blvd., St. Louis 3, Missouri.

Mill City

Lloyd Whitford closed his work at Mill City on February 1 to accept the pulpit at Burns. His annual report for 1947 shows: 28 baptisms; 10 by letter; 5 marriages; 3 funerals; 90 sermons; 41 prayer-meetings; 58 youth meetings; total of 57 young people in camps; 689 calls; redecorated the church auditorium; did the janitor work; held one evangelistic meeting.

Direct Support Mission News

By J. Frank Cunningham

Any person or group desiring information concerning the work of the J. Russell Morse family and associates on the Tibetan Border should write to Mrs. Ruth Morse, 114 So. Denver Ave., Tulsa 3, Oklahoma, for the latest 16 page booklet concerning the work of the Yunnan-Tibetan Christian Mission. In this we find: A Survey by Russell Morse, "What God Hath Wrought—1928-1948;" Translated letters from Lisu Christian Leaders; "The Last Frontier," by Robert Morse; and Mission News-bits.

An informing paragraph from the "Survey," by Russell Morse, reads as follows: ". . . During these past 20 years, by the grace of God, and the faithful and loyal support of friends and partners here in the homeland, the mission work has grown from a time when even the end of a full hard year of evangelistic effort there were no conversions, to when there are about 1,000 baptisms each year! When we started work at Yeachi, in the Meking Valley, we were able only to rent a Chinese stable and remodel it into cramped living quarters, and used our front room and tent additions when needed, for holding services. Now the work has grown to where there are over 67 established churches of Christ, each with their elders and deacons, and pastors if possible. More are being organized each year."

New recruits, who will go to the field when the Morse family returns, include Miss Lora Banks and Miss Imogene Williams. Their Living Link churches are respectively: College Avenue Church, Des Moines, Iowa, and Broadway Christian Church, Lexington, Kentucky. They are still in need of travel and equipment funds.

Mrs. Ruth Morse, mother of J. Russell Morse, celebrated her 87th birthday Jaunary 4, We read: " . . She is in good health. She continues to help in the work as forwarding agent, and continues to give her services freely to the cause of Christ in Lisuland."

New Work In India

We have previously mentioned that Mr. and Mrs. Thomas G. Rush, Miss Dolly M. Chitwood and Miss Leah E. Moshier were planning the opening of a new work in India. This is already an established fact. The Church of Christ Mission, of Kulpahar, U. P., India, is already in operation in property being purchased from the United Christian Missionary Society. Following is a quotation from a paper recently sent out to publicize this venture: "The cost of the property is $10,000 plus $5,000 to guarantee the care of the members of the Home for Aged Women, with an additional $3,000 for repairs and alterations. This totals $18,000—a fairly low figure considering the three bungalows, church building, college building, hall and 15 other living quarters for students and women and children. The six wells on the three separate lots, the garden and field plots, the variety of fruit and shade trees all combine to make the property a good home for present mission work and future expansion."

The program of the mission includes evangelism; operation of a Home for 30 aged women, at present "just $4 per month will supply the needs of each;" and operation of India Bible College for the training of Christian leaders. A number of young men are now taking full time courses in this school. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rempel, who are planning to go to the field sometime this year, are to be placed in charge of the school. O. D. Johnson, though not planning to serve with this group indefinitely, has been assisting with the work of the college. There is a special call for funds for the purchase of the property. "Funds for this, or designated offerings for any of the projects mentioned in this bulletin, or for general mission expenses can be sent to any of the missionaries through their forwarding agents." Forwarding agent for Mr. and Mrs. Rash is: Mrs. A. B. Slough, 159 East South St.,Painesville, Ohio.

The Allisons

We note in the January "Manila Christian" that Mrs. Benjamin Allison is much improved in health. Mr. and Mrs. Allison were advised to return from Manila to the U. S. because of her dangerously high blood pressure. They arrived in San Francisco October 1. The item mentioned stated that whereas her blood pressure had been 240, it was "now staying around 170." Whether or not an operation would be necessary was to be determined in February.

In the same issue of the Manila Christian we read: "Baptisms reported so far for the year 1947 go over the 700 mark. We think that perhaps the report will be even better than the 1946 one—the greatest year yet with 1,148 baptized."

Problems

Robert Schondelmayer, writing in the above mentioned Manila Christian, says: "After visiting 10 of the churches of Christ here on Mindanao we were sorry to find that during the war years and the first year after the war most of them had received the false doctrine that the Bible condemns the use of musical instruments in worship. This meant that if we were going to work with the Church of Christ here in Cotabato we would have to sign a statement that we believed that the Bible condemned the use of the instrument in worship. Then we would have to be rebaptized as our faith was wrong while we used the instrument. Of course we couldn't do this . . . . . Thus the establishment of new churches and the teaching of the members became, and still is, our work. . . .We now have a fair sized congregation meeting in our home."

The Philippine Mission and churches have recently suffered greatly from typhoons that swept the islands.

Luke D. Elliott, writing of the work in Jamaica, says: "In many places since the Church of Christ has been established denominational churches have had to practice 'baptism for the remission of sins,' and even have the Lord's Supper every week to hold their members. Thus, denominationalism gradually gives way to the New Testament Christianity."

Mr. and Mrs. Harry C. Randolph "hope that all things might be in readiness" to sail the last of April to open their work in the Yunnan Province of China.

Newport

Frank Wallace Zook became the new pastor February 1. The church welcomed him with a new electric range. The church at Baker gave them a farewell gift of a 17 jewell wrist watch to Mr. Zook, a pearl necklace to Mrs. Zook, and clothing to the children, besides $50 travel expense money. This is the way to treat preachers.

February S-Wanderings

LA GRANDE—January left the state secretary here and he remained over Sunday as guest of the church and its pastor. We were particularly interested in the new location for the church plant. 11 lots! What a lot! They will use it. Gene Robinson is meeting favor with all the people.

EUGENE—The conference party at the Eugene First Church February 6 attracted more than 100 young people from Portland to Coquille. After a period of play they had a gorgeous banquet, then a well prepared program. A fine worship service closed the evening. The next meeting will be held at Portland First on April 23.

MULTNOMAH—The secretary had a date at Hood River on the 8th, but at the last minute it was expedient to cancel it. So we went out to hear Harry Baird. And we went home feeling that it had been worth the trip.

BEND—A day of visiting with old friends, a message to good listeners, a dinner at the Daum's, fellowship with the pastor, Len Fishback, and his family—this was the 15th. The fly in the ointment was the necessity of returning before the evening service—the young people had a banquet. May be there will be another one.

TILLAMOOK—The secretary was guest speaker at the brotherhood dinner on the 18th. It was a royal banquet —7 different items on the plate at one time, and some left untouched. The Week of Compassion offering was taken and it amounted to $239. There will be more. Aldis Webb, pastor, is making a place for himself in the community.

ALBANY—We spent the 22nd there in the morning. The occasion was for counselling with a special committee, but the pastor graciously invited us to speak at the morning service. Brother Mick is growing in his job at Albany.

ENGLEWOOD—We arrived home from Albany just in time to get out to Englewood church for the evening service. Hiram Dawson is justifying the confidence the church had in calling him.

ET CETERA—Other items were numerous—a committee meeting in Salem; a State Board meeting; an Educational Committee meeting; a Crusade Assembly, office work and many personal conferences. Not the least of February S-wanderings would be the dedication at Parkrose; but that is yet future as we write and will be reserved for the next issue.

Educational Committee

The State Educational Committee met on February 21 and busied itself with the consideration of classes for the state convention. Its work is unfinished at this writing, but it is a safe guess that there will be a series of classes that will make people scratch their heads before deciding which one to enter. The full result of their deliberations will be printed in the May issue of the paper.

The Children's Committee met at the home of their chairman, Mrs. Marjorie Moshier, Eugene, recently. They set up the laboratory schools for this summer. One will be at Pendleton the last of May and the other at Dallas in August. More specific announcement will be made in due time. This committee consists of: Mrs. Marjorie Moshier, Springfield Church, Chairman; Mrs. Bea Corum, Medford; Oma Lou Myers, Mallory Ave. Church in Portland; and Mrs. Leona Harleman, Forest Grove.

M'Kenzie Men Meet In New Westside Church

By Ed P. Dewees

Ninety and Niners of the McKenzie District held their February 16 rally in the new Gerald Johnson Memorial chapel, home of the Westside church of Christ, Eugene, just a little over a year from the time that the call went forth to the Millennium Minute Men to assist in the financing of its erection. 51 men attended beside the ladies of the church who graciously aided in the serving of the pot-luck dinner which proceded the program.

Frank Cook led singing with Lester Hulen accompanying. Willie White pronounced the invocation. President Earl Chapman then opened the business meeting and called upon Ross Griffeth for the report of the finance committee. The report was given graphically and with dispatch. A large square of cardboard bearing small squares numbered to 200 was displayed to represent the $1,000 pledge to the state budget. These small squares, each with $5 valuation, were crossed out in reverse order from 200 with the amount of $176.50 previously credited. Before Brother Griffeth concluded his report the offering was taken totalling $233.50 to bring the budget credit to $410, or 82 squares sold. In addition 38 more had been contracted for the April rally by churches represented in attendance.

The invitation of the Goshen church to entertain the April meeting was accepted. After the singing of "The Church in the Wildwood," program chairman Siefke presented Mrs. Emma Lou White who played two accordian solos. He introduced E. W. Blehm, M. E. Rush, C. E. Allen, and Bob Isom of the Harrisburg Church as the cast in a short playlet written by Mrs. Blehm. They effectively portrayed the characters in a typical home contact made during a visitation evangelism visit. Mr. Elbert Wimmer of Pleasant Hill sang a solo, accompanied by Dick Merriam, of N. C. C.

Mr. H. V. Johnson was the guest speaker and brought an appeal for Christians to rise above the level of the world, using a portion of Matt. 5:47, "Do not even the Gentiles the same?" as his text. The rally closed with the singing of the doxology, Ross Griffeth giving the benediction.

S. W. Rally at No. Bend

Despite flu and inclement weather a faithful group of "99" men of the Southwestern District met at North Bend on February 16 for their regular monthly rally. Jack Triplett, president of the local group, made a talk after the brief business session. Special music for the occasion consisted of a piano-vibraharp duet number provided by the North Bend Church. The date of the March rally was set for Monday the 9th with the ladies to be guests.

Willamette District

The Willamette District rally was held at Turner February 23 with the ladies of the Turner church providing a fine dinner for the 96 men present. N. J. Reasoner gave thanks for the food and Freeman Yardley, host pastor, led several songs during the dinner hour. He also led the first song of the program in the auditorium, then introduced Bob Hendershott, a singing evangelist, who recently came to the state. Brother Hendershott led the remainder of the song service with Miss Carol Standley at the piano. The invocation was given by Brother Yardley.

The Turner choir then provided two fine numbers, "Holy, Holy, Holy," and "Ring the Bells of Heaven." under the leadership of Mr. Millard Leslie, music director in the Turner High School and member of the Turner church. Mr. and Mrs. Hendershoot then sang a duet.

President Abe Friesen opened the business meeting with prayer, then called for the report of John Jordan, evangelistic committee chairman; who gave some interesting examples of evangelistic opportunities open within the district. He also spoke of plans for personal visitation training which were adopted by vote later in the evening. State President Hugh Olds gave a short talk of the progress of the work over the state followed by a word on the work of Clyde Freeman at Detroit and the Parkrose dedication plans by your reporter. The invitation of the Silverton Church to entertain the April 26 rally was accepted.

Harold Lyman, minister of the Salem Court St. Crurch, was presented as guest speaker and gave a searching message on the need of Christians to allow God to work through them to answer the desperate needs of today's world. The benediction was pronounced by A. C. Bates.

Victory at Detroit

While the Detroit revival closed on February 22 Evangelist Clyde Freeman remained on the field for the following week and as this item is written his complete report has not been made. However, there were 19 responses during the meeting—15 by confession, 3 by transfer, and 1 dedication. Certainly prayers were answered and the church strengthened by these victories for Christ.

Parkrose Dedication

Truly, February 29, will be long remembered by the christians only of the Greater Portland area, and indeed many of the brethren within a radius of 150 miles. Well before the 3 o'clock hour set for the dedication of the new Parkrose Christian Church building all the new shining pews, all the rented chairs, and most of the standing room had been filled by the first 36 members of the new congregation and and most of the 364 or more guests. Elery Parrish, pastor-superintendent of the brand new Bible School and church reported 59 present for Bible School and 102 present for the first worship service. When the invitation was given at the close of the service there were 35 responses, 3 by confession of faith. One other brother was hindered from coming by illness, but has already indicated his desire to become a charter member of the church. Thus, with the pastor, the true membership of the congregation on its first day was 37. An offering of $78 was received at the morning hour and the press of events prevented a count of the B. S. offering.

Elsewhere in these columns will be found a report on the dedication service, but may we say here that the fellowship witnessed through the entire time in song, in prayer, in the offerings and pledges of over $900, and in recognition of the many special gifts and labors of love demonstrated to us the spirit which must have moved the Christians of the first century to conquer the world of their day for Christ.

Members of the Millennium Minute Men will be happy to know that 256 of their number had answered the Parkrose call before the close of the day. To date 33 churches (or more) have been represented by their gifts amounting to $297.50. Every mail brings further responses to the call and we trust that the $1,000 minimum goal shall have been reached by Easter Sunday, the closing date of the special evangelistic services being held by Elery Parrish every night but Saturday, at 7:30 p. m. We are happy to report that several Parkrose members have already shared in the call for the Westside Church in Eugene, bringing the total MMM offering for that project to $826.50. May the Lord richly bless and lead them as they thus begin to share with others.

Northwestern Christian Home

Mrs. Laura K. Hill, Supt.

The members of Northwest Christian Home family are enjoying the fresh brightness of a newly redecorated parlor. A few rooms have also been redecorated. The work has been done by Brother Rice of the Central Church in Portland.

Neighbors

Northwestern Christian Home is in a rapidly growing neighborhood. A Lutheran congregation has occupied a new building near us during the past winter. The Baptists have bought a site for a building not far away. A new service station has opened for business at the intersection of Johnson Road and Canyon Road. The School District has bought land and is preparing to erect a new grade school within about a half mile. It is needed for use next fall. Two new high class residences have just been completed right across the road from our house and two more are under construction. We have been changed from rural delivery to Beaverton delivery and our number is 1058 Johnson Road, Beaverton.

Visitors

Many visitors call and are welcome at Northwestern Christian Home. From July 1, 1947 to February 18, 1948, 633 names were signed in the visitor's book and many others came this way who did not think to sign the roll. All of our Northwestern States and several others are represented in the home addresses of the visitors.

A group from Central Church in Portland comes to conduct the church services the first Sunday in each month. One Sunday afternoon a large delegation came from Corbett and brought a program. Campfire girls, of Beaverton, came after school one day with a valentine party, bringing cookies and valentines for all the family.

Mrs. Hill Speaks

Mrs. Hill was invited to speak to a group of Hillsboro church women and spent an enjoyable afternoon visiting about the Home and its work.

Our Home family has thus far come through the winter months in normal. health. A resident nurse and a doctor within easy call afford prompt and adequate attention to health needs of the family

Mr. Myers Busy

Mr. Myers has been busy in this area since Christmas in the interest of Northwestern Christian Home. On February 21 he left for about a month of work in California expecting to return to Beaverton about the middle of March.

Offerings for this work so far this year have just about kept even with those of last year. Can we keep that record? What will be the record of March and April? Here it is for the past two years:

	March	April
1946	$993.16	$1,242.75
1947	436.00	1,487.04

This year should at least equal 1947.

Board Meeting

The February Meeting of the Board of Supervisors was held at the Home on February 20. Brother J. Eric Carlson, General Secretary of The National Benevolent Association, was present for the Board meeting and spent some time in conferences about our work. He was in Oregon for a week as leader of the team meeting in a series of Crusade Assemblies.

—Walter L. Myers, Field Rep.

New Boys Camp Recruit

As plans for the 1948 Boys' Camps go forward an encouraging note is sounded for the future. Brother Ike Bartel, state vice-president and chairman of boys work, announces the arrival of a new son in the Bartel family and is reserving a Boys' camp registration for him in the 1958 season. The camp registrar failed to get the name of this new candidate, but perhaps his error may be corrected before he packs his bedroll and equipment for his first camp. All boys' campers and members of the Ninety and Nine welcome this new member and offer hearty congratulations to his parents and his brothers and sisters .

The Stewardship Account

State Treasurer Earl Noble reports our receipts as ahead of those for the same period last year, but much work lies ahead and we have not yet fully measured up to the opportunities and responsibilities which are called for in our state program. If the list of offerings by districts as given below does not give your district the standing it ought to have do your bit through the men of your church to bring the level up and thus support your district officers. Central Oregon, $62.40; Coast $99.55; Douglas, $10; Eastern Oregon, $62; McKenzie. $410; Mid-Columbia, $106.03; Northwest, $700.50; Southwest, $116; Willamette, $1,000; Yamhill, $225.

Crusade Assemblies

The Crusade Assemblies held in the state February 22-27 were a blessing. Attendance was not large, but it represented many churches. The interest and participation in the Crusade is surely growing. Let us hope it will not wait to ripen until it is too late to give the maximum good. J. Eric Carlson, General Secretary of the N. B. A., was leader of the team, of which W. R. Holder, Ross J. Griffeth and C. H. Addleman were the other members. These assemblies touched No. Bend, Coquille, Myrtle Point, Medford, Portland, Eugene, Redmond and Pendleton. There were some really great messages.

Out Of State Trip

Your State Director of Religious Education was called to Spokane for a regional meeting of Young Peoples Conference and Intermediate Camp leaders over March 2-4. Supposed to accompany him were Gene Robinson, La Grande, Delbert Daniels, Medford, Courtney Swander, Eugene, and Myron C. Cole, Portland. The work of camp administration is growing in its details, and such meetings are of invaluable assistance.

BURNS—One confession in January, Milton Bower, pastor. Lloyd Whitford became pastor February 1.

Two Lab Schools

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School at Damoh. Her work in later years was the guidance of the Bible women in Jubbulpore and in other stations. She and her sister retired from active service in 1936 after more than 40 years in India. Her sister, Miss Stella died last July.

In January Dr. Hope Nichoson and Miss Elizabeth Hill left Ireland for India following special study in Rotunda hospital, Dublin. Miss Hill completed a course in Midwifery. She is reurning for her second term of service under U. C. M. S. Dr. Nichoson was presented with a handsome new automobile for use in her work at Jackson Memorial Hospital in Bilaspur, India, by her living link church in Terre Haute, Indiana. Dr. Nichoson has served more than 23 years as a medical missionary. The government of England has presented her with two medals for her outstanding service.

Mrs. Grace Corpron, wife of Douglas Corpron, medical missionary to China, recently returned to China with their two daughters to resume work at Hofei. She wrote of her eventful trip inland and her amazement at the way our Chinese church leaders take responsibility. She told of the Hofei church giving over $3,000,000 ($60 U. S.) monthly which pays the salary of the local pastor, his assistant and religious education director, as well as helping some worthy students pay their tuition. "In Dr. Corpon's absence (while away on business) our staff at the hospital carried on with over 60 in-patients and big morning clinics. These are our own students, three of whom are doctors and have passed the provincial examination. We made the rounds with Dr. Kung each morning and I admire the miracles she can perform. She gives God and penicillin much credit—but I know she has a fine reputation in her profession." She also told of the gratitude with which the clothing and other relief materials from the U. S. A. were received and she wished there were much more.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Edwards will leave for Belgium in March to study for several months before returning for their second term in Congo. Dr. and Mrs. Ernest B. Peterson will sail for Belgium in April for language study before going to Congo. They served in Africa missions from 1917 to 1933 inclusive. Dr. Donald Conwell, a new missionary doctor, who has been studying in Belgium, will go to Congo this month. A son was born in Belgium to Mr. and Mrs. Albert Paget (formerly of Medford) new missionaries to Congo. They will sail for Congo in March.

Chaplain Gordon H. Elsam, editor of the Army and Navy Chaplain, and son of former missionaries to India, minced no words in his article appearing in February World Call in which he berates the church people of America for sending missionary doctors to the field with such inadequate equipment. In his story, "Workmen Without Tools," he traces his experiences from 1919 in a mission hospital in India where he assisted with operation for hernia although there was no more anaesthetic; down to the present time when he compares the meager mission equipment with the de luxe tools of a U. S. Army Hospital. "And the thought haunting me is this: What could be done by our missionaries if we equipped them one-tenth as well! What could not be done if we would do it! If we would take the war with darkness as seriously as we take each bloody, futile strife into which we have been hurled. Of course we have the answer, glib and casual, or rational and far more dangerous. We say that in time of war nothing is too good for "our boys." We have thrown ourselves as a nation into the task of winning these wars. And we have withdrawn ourselves as Christians from the cause of winning the world. We have sent our workmen, our Rambos and McGavrans and Potees, skilled and competent and noble. But too often we have sent them without tools."

Read the entire article and then resolve not to let this condition happen again.

N. C. C.

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messages. Many students remark. "Why get outside talent when we have the best speakers here?" Of course we do not propose to deny N. C. C. students the larger fellowship which comes from contact with our visitors but we do appreciate the evaluation which students make of the faculty.

Coming Events

Winter term final exam week—March 15-20.

Easter vacation and evangelistic period—March 21-28.

Spring term begins—April 1.

Honor Day — May 4.

Campus Day — May 18.

Rural Leadership

The third annual Oregon Leadership Institute for Town and Country Churches will be held at the Oregon State College, Corvallis, July 12-16, 1948. Since N. C. C. will not have a Summer School this year, we do hope that many rural leaders will attend the Corvallis Institute. More about it later.

CORVALLIS

John E. McCaw, head of the Student work for Disciples of Christ, met with the students of our church recently. He spoke at the forum in the evening at Christian House and found it filled with students from Oregon. On Monday he attended a "sack" lunch at the House. He then went to Eugene to meet with the State Student Foundation Board under the leadership of Victor Morris. Checks for this work should be sent to Virgil Cameron, First National Bank, Eugene, Oregon.—G. Hayden Stewart.

ONTARIO

The building is growing slowly, but it will be a beautiful structure when complete. The corner stone will be laid on March 7 with appropriate ceremony. Emil Helseth, pastor.

Grants Pass

Three additions by transfer in January. The Hypes' began their 6th year on January 25. 300 have been added in the 5 past years, and the offerings have quadrupled.

Central Point

Will have a calling campaign organized in a school for elders and deacons. Aldis Webb, of Tillamook, will lead it. L. H. Camp, pastor.

Mill City

E. R. Moon closed a meeting on February 8 with 1 baptism. The church was greatly encouraged and will call a pastor. Brother Moon goes to Hood River Valley for February 22 to March 7.

Education Materials

The new PM Pack, Intermediate Program Material for Sunday Evening Groups, is creating a good deal of interest. The pack contains 48 leaflets of which 9 are for leaders and 39 contain detailed plans for Sunday evening meetings. These lessons are not dated but may be used at any time. The price for the Pack is $2.

The new paper, VISION, for intermediates and seniors, is also hitting the spot with youth and youth workers. The paper is, first of all, a religious newspaper for youth; secondly, it contains a story that is both helpful and interesting to youth; thirdly, it has Christian teaching upon vital issues that concern youth. The price is $1.50 per year in clubs of five or more.

Send your orders to The Christian Board of Publication, 2700 Pine Blvd., St. Louis 3, Missouri.

Fairmount

The anntual report showed 199 responses to the invitation—28 baptisms, 109 student transfers, 59 resident transfers,, 3 reconsecrations. Present membership is 353. Average attendance at Bible School was 198. Tithes and offerings amounted to $15,098.11-$5,753.32 for building fund and $2,589.54 for missions. New building is started and hope to complete first unit this summer. Will hold a meeting for Forest Grove in April-May. Willie W. White, pastor.

Medford First

The annual report showed 70 added to the church in 1947; $18,013.75 received; an average of 288 in church school; all goals of the women's society met; an attendance of 40 at C. Y. F.; Mrs. Della Mae Paget ordained as a missionary, and taken as living link; 2 young persons in N. C. C.; 3 others committed to Christian service; a 1948 budget of $19,428 accepted. Since January 1 16 have been added. Delbert Daniels, pastor.

Salem First

An evangelistic meeting will commence March 4 under the leadership of Ward Rice. There are three distinct, unique features of this meeting— (1) It will be preceded by a week of visitation; (2) 100 families will be pledged to attend the first week; and (3) the meeting will be the subject of prayer among individuals and in organizational meetings. There were 5 baptisms and 2 by transfer on February 1. Dudley Strain, pastor.

B. Ross Evans

Meeting at Halsey closed on February 22 with 6 confessions and 2 by statement. Brother Evans has held 138 meetings in Oregon since entering the evangelistic field, in 98 Oregon churches and 2 outside the state. He reports "Jimmie" Jones doing splendid work in Halsey. The church increased his salary and made it possible for him to devote full time to the work. Brother Evans is now at Powell Butte.

Gladstone

There were 7 added by Transfer during February. W. R. Hensley is the pastor. C. F. Swander, state secretary, will hold a week of pre-Easter meetings.

OREGON CITY—The annual report gave 23 baptisms and 25 added by statement in 1947. Wm. Piper, pastor.

MRS. SARAH ELIZABETH LADD

Mrs. Ladd died at the home of her son, James Earl, in Portland on February 13, 1948. She was born in Kentucky, and came to Oregon in 1876. She married Thomas Benton Ladd in 1900. She lived most of her life in Oregon; 22 years at McMinnville, 20 years at Grants Pass, and 22 years at Amity. She leaves a son, James Earl, pastor of Central church in Portland; three Grandchildren, James Earl II, now in Butler University, Mrs. Donald Johnson, at N. C. C., and Lillian Ruth Ladd, also at N. C. C. The memorial service was conducted at Amity by C. F. Swander, assisted by Bruce Caldwell, and the interment was at McMinnville.

Gladstone

Walter L. Myers spoke on February 2. There were three additions by statement in January. The church surprised the pastor and his wife on February 1 with a floral gift and a statement of appreciation for their 10 year pastorate. It was the 10th anniversary of the Hensleys ministry there.

Rural Churches

Town and country churches have received letters explaining the plan for giving a 12 day meeting to them some time between July 1 and December 31. Whether or not the plan works depends upon the reply of the churches. To date only about three churches have signified intention of taking the opportunity. This is a project that will need preparation and praparation will take time. You cannot expect to wait until May or June and then get this meeting. You must reply now so the evangelists may be provided and prepared. If you are a country or town church and want this meeting write to your state secretary at once. The project is a part of the Crusade for a Christian World, and is being guided by the Department of Town and Country Churches of the National Department of Home Missions.

Pulpit Placements

Baker has a called Joe Jewett from Heppner. Brother Jewett has accepted and will move later in the spring.

Lexington has called George Harris Hatch. Brother Hatch has been out of active ministry during the war years, but is now returning to it.

Eldon Weidanen is now settled at Halfway and both parties are happy in the arrangement. Frank Zook is settled in Newport and is seeing possibilities on that field.

Lloyd M. Whitford writes encouragingly of the prospects at Burns. Sickness in the family has kept him from doing all he had planned, but recovery will remedy that. The church is fast closing up their building plans and will soon be at actual construction.

Turner

B. Ross Evans closed meeting on January 25 with 8 added by baptism and 3 by statement. There were 17 reconsecrations. Freeman Yardley is pastor.

Snodgrass To Return

The preachers of the state will remember Roy C. Snodgrass, who delivered the special lectures at the Preachers Parliament. He is scheduled to return to the Northwest the last of May and the first of June in the interest of the International Convention to the held in San Francisco September 25-30. The specific itinerary is not yet worked out, but it can doubtless be given in the next issus of the paper